

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, paragraph beginning at line 23, amend as follows:

An enterprise information filtering system, comprised of an input device 1, a data processor 2, a storage device 3, and an output device 4, as shown in FIG. 21, heretofore has been known. Referring to ~~FIG. 1~~ FIG. 21, the input device 1, based on operation by a user, generates and outputs two types of information: one is an organization definition information M1a such as the enterprise's organization hierarchy, personal organization, and personal job definition, and the other is an authentication information M1b identifying that the user is an authorized user of the enterprise information filtering system. The data processor 2 comprises view defining means 2a and search executing means 2b. The storage device 3 comprises view definition storage 3a and contents storage 3b. The view defining means 2a receives the organization definition information M1a, converts it to a user-desired view (data format), and generates and outputs organization definition information M2a. The view definition storage 3a receives organization definition information M2a and stores it as organization definition information M3a. The contents storage 3b stores, in advance, contents M3b that contains information to be provided by the enterprise information filtering system to the user. The search executing means 2b searches the contents M3b based on the organization definition information M3a to generate and output a search result M2b required by the user. The output device 4 receives the search result M2b and presents it to the user.

On page 3, paragraph beginning at line 24, amend as follows:

To achieve the foregoing and other objectives, an enterprise information filtering system, in accordance with one aspect of the present invention, comprises means for filtering solely information, which is included in a management span of a post to which a user belongs, from information on an enterprise, using management span information that is included in organization definition information containing definition information used to define each element constituting an enterprise organization and that represents a management responsibility range of each ~~post~~ post.

On page 7, paragraph beginning at line 6, amend as follows:

FIGS. 7A and 7B are diagrams~~FIG. 7 is a diagram~~ showing the structure of an XML document shown in FIG. 5;

On page 7, paragraph beginning at line 15, amend as follows:

~~FIG. 11~~ FIG. 11a and 11b ~~is are~~ are diagrams showing an example of organization definition information in FIGS. 3 and 4 represented in a table formats;

On page 16, paragraph beginning at line 14, amend as follows:

FIG. 5 is an example of XML (Extensible Markup Language) source code which represents the organization definition information shown in FIGS. 3 and 4. FIG. 6 shows the definition of a set of XML tags used in FIG. 5. FIGS. 7A and 7B show ~~FIG. 7 shows~~ the structure of the XML document shown in FIG. 5.

On page 16, paragraph beginning at line 19, amend as follows:

In FIG. 5, the company is defined in the area between the tag <company> and the tag </company>, a division is defined in an area between the tag <division> and the tag </division>, and a section is defined in an area between tag <section> and tag </section>, all based on the definition shown in FIG. 6. In addition, in FIG. 5, information on the sub-organization hierarchy and the personnel distribution are represented by the inclusive relation of the tags, based on the definition of the structure shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B~~FIG. 7~~.